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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-211405 -

The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 10-271444

3. JP 08-98142

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these references and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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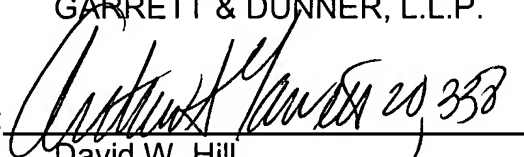
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